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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1670

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

1. UNFICYP IN CHARGE AT AIRPORT. NATIONAL GUARD
TROOPS ESCORTED BACK TO TOWN BY UNFICYP. TURKS NOT CHALLENGING
UNFICYP CONTROL, AND APPEAR TO HAVE WELCOMED IT ACCORDING TO
UNFICYP POLAD. TURKS CONSOLIDATATING
HOLD ON NORTH SIDE OF NICOSIA-MORPHOU ROAD NEAR AIRPORT.

2. DURING DAY, TURKS HAVE EXPANDED AREA OF CONTROL IN
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WESTERN SUBURBS OF NICOSIA, INCLUDING BULGE OF SOME 500

YARDS TO WALLS OF CENTRAL PRISON, EMBRACING AREA OF BRITISH HICOM, FRENCH EMBASSY, ITALIAN RESIDENCE AND GALLAGHER HOUSE. DURING CONFUSED FIGHTING, UNFICYP RESORT FOR FIRST TIME IN OUR KNOWLEDGE TO USE OF ARMS, BUT SOURCES CONFLICT AS TO WHICH SIDE THEY FIRED AT.

3. CERIDES, NEWLY SWORN IN AS PRESIDENNT, HAS GONE TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY, ACCOMPANIED BY UNSYG REP WECKMANN, TO ENDEAVOR TO WORK OUT MEANINGFUL CEASEFIRE WITH DENKTASH. SUCH RECOGNITION OF TURK LEADERSHIP IS ALSO WITHOUT PARALLEL SINCE 1963, THOUGH CLERIDES' FOREIGN MINISTER DIMITRIOU (THEN ACTING FOR SAMPSON) SHOUGHT A MEETING SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

4. BRITISH HICOM REPORTS EVACUATION OF NORTH COAST GOING WELL WITH ABOUT 1800-2000 EVACUEES ON BOARD VARIOUS SHIPS. TASK GROUP WILL MAKE EARLY MORNING SWEEP OF AREA TOMORROW MORNING FOR STAGGLERS, THEN TAKE EVACUEES TO AKROTIRI.

5. SOVIET AMBASSADOR INFORMED US THAT HE PLANS TO SEND AROUND 100 EVACUEES TO LARNACA TO BOARD SOVIET SHIP; CONVOY DEPARTING NOCOSIA AT 1000 WEDNESDAY. EMBASSY TOLD SOVIETS WE HAD RUN UNESCORTED CONVOY DOWN ROAD SAFELY TODAY BUT IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD INFORM CYPRIOT AND TURK AUTHORITIES AND URGE PROTECTIVE MEASURES AS NECESSARY.
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